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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the following surveys conducted by the Idaho Field Office: the December Quarterly Agricultural Survey, the Acreage and Production Survey, the Mint Survey, the Grain Stocks Survey, and the Dry Bean Survey. In addition to acreage, yield, and production for selected crops, winter wheat seedings for the 2006 crop are reported.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho 2005 Crop Estimates

Idaho's potato production totaled 117 million cwt, down 11 percent from 2004. Average yield from the 323,000 harvested acres was 362 cwt per acre.

Idaho's 2005 winter wheat crop totaled 66.4 million bushels from 730,000 harvested acres, up 5 percent from 2004's 63.0 million bushels. The average yield of 91.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from last year and is a record yield for Idaho. Eighty-three percent of 2005's winter wheat production was white wheat, down 1 percentage point from 2004.

The State's spring wheat production totaled 32.4 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres, down 16 percent from 2004. Average yield of 72.0 bushels per acre was down 7 bushels from 2004. Sixty-three percent of Idaho's spring wheat production was white wheat, up 18 percentage points from 2004.

Idaho's 2005 durum wheat production totaled 1.76 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres. The average yield for durum was 88.0 bushels per acre.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 52.2 million bushels from 600,000 harvested acres, down 13 percent from last year's production. The average yield of 87.0 bushels per acre was down 5 bushels from 2004.

Oat production, at 1.28 million bushels, was down 11 percent from last year. Producers harvested 20,000 acres and averaged 64.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 5.38 million tons from 1.41 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.35 million tons from 1.48 million acres last year. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.82 tons per acre, up from 3.61 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop harvested from 60,000 acres accounted for 510,000 tons. Alfalfa haylage and greenchop harvested from 45,000 acres accounted for 378,000 tons.

Corn harvested for grain totaled 10.2 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain was 60,000, down 20 percent from 2004. Yield was estimated at 170.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year and matching the record high.

Corn harvested for silage was a record high 4.51 million tons, up 13 percent from last year. Average yield from 170,000 harvested acres matched last year's record high of 26.5 tons per acre.

Dry Bean production totaled 1.86 million cwt, up 14 percent from 2004. Average yield from 98,000 harvested acres was 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2004.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 4.73 million tons, 14 percent below last year's production. Producers harvested 167,000 acres with an average yield of 28.3 tons per acre, 0.4 tons less than last year.

Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 598,000 cwt, down 36 percent from 2004's production. Average yield from 46,000 harvested acres was 1,300 pounds per acre, down 400 pounds from the previous year.

Idaho's 2005 lentil production totaled 567,000 cwt, down 26 percent from 2004. Average yield from 63,000 harvested acres was 900 pounds per acre, a decrease of 200 pounds from 2004.

December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2005 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 56.7 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's 51.5 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 24.5 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year's 28.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 32.2 million bushels, up 37 percent from December 1, 2004. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 52.7 million bushels, up 26 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 23.0 million bushels, unchanged from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 29.7 million bushels, up 57 percent from last year's 18.9 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2005, was estimated at 1.43 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 513 million bushels, down 3 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 917 million bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 208 million bushels, down 15 percent from December 1, 2004. On-farm stocks are estimated at 104 million bushels, 21 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 104 million bushels, are 9 percent below December 2004. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, totaled 95.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on hand December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks on hand, 60.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down slightly from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 35.6 million bushels, down 20 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005, totaled 9.81 billion bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks, 6.33 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, and the change from December 1, 2004 are: dry edible peas, 6.40 million cwt, down 17 percent; lentils, 3.08 million cwt, up 17 percent; Austrian winter peas, 280,000 cwt, up 23 percent; All chickpeas, 608,000 cwt, up 35 percent; small chickpeas, 92,000 cwt, up 80 percent; and large chickpeas, 516,000 cwt, up 29 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Spearmint and Peppermint for Oil Production

Idaho's spearmint production for 2005 totaled 75,000 pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year's 72,000 pounds. Harvested acreage, at 600, was unchanged from 2004. Average yield was 125 pounds per acre, up 5 pounds from the previous year.

Idaho's peppermint production for 2005 was estimated at 1.40 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2004's production of 1.26 million pounds. Harvested acres, at 14,000, was unchanged from 2004. Average yield was 100 pounds per acre, up 10 pounds per acre from 2004.

Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 3 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seedings for the 2006 crop are estimated at 750,000 acres, down 3 percent from the 770,000 acres seeded for the 2005 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat planted for harvest in 2006 is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. United States Hard Red Winter wheat seeded area is about 29.9 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005. Soft Red Winter wheat, at about 7.3 million acres, is up 19 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded totals nearly 4.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2004-05

State	Area Harvested 1/		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,480	1,410	Tons	3.61	3.82	5,350	5,382
Alfalfa Hay	1,180	1,140	Tons	4.00	4.20	4,720	4,788
Corn for Grain	75	60	Bu.	170	170	12,750	10,200
Corn for Silage	150	170	Tons	26.5	26.5	3,975	4,505
Winter Wheat	700	730	Bu.	90.0	91.0	63,000	66,430
Spring Wheat	490	450	Bu.	79.0	72.0	38,710	32,400
Durum 3/		20	Bu.		88.0		1,760
Barley	650	600	Bu.	92.0	87.0	59,800	52,200
Oats	20	20	Bu.	72	64	1,440	1,280
Potatoes	353	323	Cwt	374	362	131,970	116,975
Sugarbeets	192	167	Tons	28.7	28.3	5,510	4,726
Dry Beans 2/	78	98	Cwt	2,100	1,900	1,638	1,862
Dry Edible Peas 2/	55	46	Cwt	1,700	1,300	935	598
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	12	8	Cwt	1,400	1,100	168	88
Lentils 2/	70	63	Cwt	1,100	900	770	567
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All Hay	61,966	61,649	Tons	2.55	2.44	158,247	150,590
Alfalfa	21,707	22,389	Tons	3.48	3.38	75,481	75,771
Corn for Grain	73,631	75,107	Bu.	160.4	147.9	11,807,086	11,112,072
Corn for Silage	6,101	5,920	Tons	17.6	18.0	107,293	106,311
Winter Wheat	34,462	33,794	Bu.	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,499,129
Spring Wheat	13,174	13,609	Bu.	43.2	37.1	568,918	504,456
Durum	2,363	2,716	Bu.	38.0	37.2	89,893	101,105
Barley	4,021	3,269	Bu.	69.6	64.8	279,743	211,896
Oats	1,787	1,823	Bu.	64.7	63.0	115,695	114,878
Potatoes	1,166.9	1,084.6	Cwt	391	388	456,041	420,879
Sugarbeets	1,306.7	1,238.9	Tons	23.0	22.3	30,021	27,654
Dry Beans 2/	1,219.3	1,562.9	Cwt	1,459	1,742	17,788	27,222
Dry Edible Peas 2/	507.8	765.9	Cwt	2,249	1,828	11,419	14,003
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	24.5	24.5	Cwt	1,188	1,253	291	307
Lentils 2/	329	439	Cwt	1,271	1,176	4,182	5,163

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 3/Idaho data not published in 2004.

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